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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Submitted herewith is a application for United States patent consisting of 1 page Fee Transmittal form PTO/SB/17 to cover filing fee, 1 page Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet, 52 pages of specification and claims, 8 sheets of drawings, 1 page of declaration and power of attorney.

(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) Small Entity status applies.

(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)) PTO form PTO/SB/35 Nonpublication Request enclosed

(37 CFR 1.84(J)) – Applicant requests FIG. 2 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

PCT application being filed concurrently

This application claims priority to US Application Serial Number 60/501,210 filed on 09/08/2003.

The invention was not made by an agency of the United States Government nor under a contract with an agency of the United States Government.



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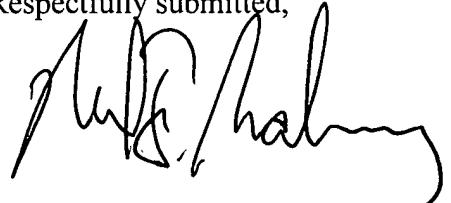
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
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SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$) 385	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20** =	17	153
Independent Claims			
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
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1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$) 196

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
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1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
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1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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	Title	CANDIDATE-INITIATED BACKGROUND CHECK AND VERIFICATION
	Attorney Docket Number	LOC005-US

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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